



I. ***I Timothy 1:18-19***

A. Prophecy

1. ***An inspired declaration of God’s divine will and purpose (Your future)***
2. Prophecy depends on 2 factors for it to be fulfilled:
  - Faith on the one giving the prophecy (since this is inspired by God Himself, there is nothing lacking in His expectation for it to come to pass)
  - Faith on the one receiving the prophecy

B. Understanding Timothy and Paul’s “word promise” to him

1. Timothy was a young (***I Timothy 4:12***), inspirational, up-and-coming evangelist that Paul personally took under his guidance (“son Timothy”)
2. Timothy had a history of strong faith in his mother and grandmother (***I Timothy 1:5***)
3. Like many believers, Timothy had forgotten God’s purpose...God’s plan, and Paul was encouraging him to stand upon the “Word Promises” that were spoken over his life (***II Timothy 1:6-7, I Timothy 1:18***)

The Bible... The Spoken Word of God...is full of “Word Promises” that has your name on it. If you can find it, you can receive it!

II. Word Promises vs. Word Curses

A. Every Word is a seed....and every word has power

1. ***Proverbs 18:21*** “Death & Life are in the power of the tongue...”
2. If words are not important, then why did Jesus say concerning the little girl and Lazarus, “they are not dead, but sleepeth”?
3. If words are not important, then why did Jesus say in ***Matthew 12:36-37*** “every **idle** (***unemployed, useless, barren, lazy***) word....by your words....”

B. Most Christians never realize what their enemy is looking for

1. Faith & Unbelief are equal opposites in this world (Jesus could not do a mighty work because of unbelief/ the disciples could not cast out a demon because of unbelief)
2. Just as God needs faith to move in our lives, Satan needs unbelief. This is where “word promises” and “word curses” play a huge factor. Satan is looking for opportunity just like God is; if words have been spoken over you in the past or even for your future, you have the authority to do something about it. (Dig up the old, and plant the new....Speak the Word!)